

REVISED NOTICE CONCERNING REVISION OF CIVIL LOCAL RULE 77-3

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California Court has approved a revision of Civil Local Rule 77-3, effective December 22, 2009.

77-3. Photography and Public Broadcasting.

Unless allowed by a Judge or a Magistrate Judge with respect to his or her own chambers or assigned courtroom for ceremonial purposes or for participation in a pilot or other project authorized by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, the taking of photographs, public broadcasting or televising, or recording for those purposes in the courtroom or its environs, in connection with any judicial proceeding, is prohibited. Electronic transmittal of courtroom proceedings and presentation of evidence within the confines of the courthouse is permitted, if authorized by the Judge or Magistrate Judge. The term “environs,” as used in this rule, means all floors on which chambers, courtrooms or on which Offices of the Clerk are located, with the exception of any space specifically designated as a Press Room. Nothing in this rule is intended to restrict the use of electronic means to receive or present evidence during Court proceedings.

The revised rule was adopted pursuant to the “immediate need” provision of Title 28 U.S.C. Sec. 2071(e). The comment period has been extended from January 8, 2010 to February 1, 2010. The court is interested in comments that pertain to the revised rule and NOT to its application to a particular case, which is for the assigned judge to decide. All comments and suggestions regarding the content of the revised rule should be sent in writing , no later than February 1, 2010 to:

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Hon. Vaughn Walker
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